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Part B for May 1929

SUBJECT

Forwards a copy of his inspection notes on the Chathrams at Thirupati and suggests some improvements. Etc. & submits definite proposals re the purchase of a building for the Non-Brahmin girls

G.O. No. 2690 dated 30.5.29

To the Mdu. Comr

Quotes G.O. dated 6.4.29 in which the savings of Rao Krishna Das Charities have already been disposed

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Mark)

NOTES.

File No. 314-28

FILE HEADING.

Inspection of the State Charities at Tirupati by the Mysore Commissioner

FROM

The Mysore Commissioner

No. 1422/28-9 Dated 21/22 Febr 1929 Received 23.2.29

Diary No. 1292	Enclos.	Spare copies	Serial No

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Forwards copy of his inspection notes on the Chattrams at Tirupati and makes suggestions for improvements etc—

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submit for perusal and orders

The suggestions noted are as follows.

(1) entertainment of a gardener to keep the Choultry at Tirupati. Fair clean & neat

(2) - opposite the Choultry, there is the Peshkars

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office. This Bldg is to be converted for non-Brahmin's use by making suitable alterations, and no elaborate arrangem are necessary, as there are several clean Private Chauttries in the Town.

(3) The Building on the Hill requires repairs.

(4) a Building for use of non-Brahmin visitors on the hill is proposed to be purchased, at a cheaper cost as an alternative to the construction of a new Bldg.

The proposals from the Mugrai Comm^r may be awaited if approval will be recorded——

28/2 ——— To Mr Mayhew may please be requested to submit a report as to action taken on the several points noted by him in the Comm^s proceedings

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To Seen Detailed proposals requiring orders of Govt will, in due course from Mugrai Comm^r in due Course

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Say to G.M.C

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calls for definite proposals for requisite orders of Govt.

3. From

The Nungai Canal

No C 1422/28-29 Dy 16/18-March 29

Hdqrs —

Forwards plans & estimates of alternative Schemes for providing accommodation to Non-Brahmin Patrons at Siripah Sannidhi for orders.

The Nungai Canal Submits three Projects -

(1) Construction of a building on Govt. property adjoining the Present Cemetery: as this construction narrows the path leading to Gardens & Servants approach the passage of the Govt Procession to the Gardens, during "Pallavotsava".

(2) Purchase of Mahants Property: the Mahant may not agree to give the land.

(3) Purchase of a Private Building and making suitable alterations

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and additions: The owner M/S Rangiah Chetty wants 16000/- for his: The Board's ~~int~~ is estimated by the Poshkar at Rs 14000/-

The Mng-Comm prefers his purchase of this Building for reasons given. To meet the sale price, he wants money from the following sources: —

From Tirupati charities fund. 1500/-
From Navl. Krishnadas charities 10000/-
Provision to be made in the Chy Fund next year 5000/

It is submitted ~~that~~ for consideration that no fund could be made available out of N. K. Krishna Dass charities, as ordered in another file (Construction of a Quarters at Mayavaram for Ch. Mr Ramiah Pantulu has donated Rs 5000/-

Submitted for orders.

Ecno 2158-63/ Encl 179-28-10 dated the 6th April 1929 Flag N

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11 As regards appropriation of money from the Chatram Savings Fund, vide Members minutes (Copy putup).

12 In May File 175-28 (putup below) the Dewan has observed that the Tirupathi Chatram for Non-Brahmins may wait till the more urgent local wants to have been satisfied to some extent

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The Mr C's attention may be drawn to [illegible] more in which the available Savings of

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4 To. The Irrig Comnr
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First Member's minute dated 24th March 1929 on the Public Works Sectt. file re. the construction of the Central Institute for Defectives at Mysore.

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The utilization of part of the Annachattram Savings for giving grants-in-aid to Homes for the relief of the aged and the infirm was suggested by the Annachattram -- Committee and the recommendation was approved in G.O. dated 13th November 1926. The conditions on which these grants might be given were subsequently settled and announced. Vide G.O. dated 26-5-28. According to this order some appl tions for aid have been received and dealt with and others are being received. After having accepted and announced this policy of helping these Homes from the Chattram Savings Fund I do not think it is advisable to change the policy and divert the whole amount to one institution for a number of years.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

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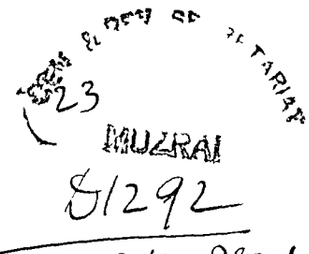

FROM

P. G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Muzrs 3/4-28-1

To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Financial Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of -- Government, a copy of the notes of my inspection of the State Charities at Tirupati.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

MUZRAI COMMISSIONER.

Inspection of Tirupati Charities.

15th and 16th January 1929.

Date of last inspection

29th July & 2nd August 1925.

In the town of Tirupati there is a choultry - providing accommodation for about 7 or 8 families on the ground floor with a spacious hall on the upper -- floor. Behind this, there is an open space of ground called Sukravara thota which was intended to be used as a flower garden but as there is no establishment - and no proper water facilities, the place is kept --- vacant. It is understood that it is possible to get a local gardener to take up the land for raising --- flowers and share the produce. This may be tried as otherwise, it is difficult to maintain this piece of land in a tidy condition. The choultry was purchased in 1901. The building is in a fair state of repairs but the compound wall is likely to tumble down in many places and requires immediate attention. There is -- sufficient land for extension and if a few more ---- kitchens are put up a larger number of pilgrims can be accommodated.

Opposite the choultry building is the Peshkar's Office. This building can be utilized for the accommodation of non-brahmins in Tirupati with the following alterations. A latrine has to be provided but as there is no vacant land attached to the building the small portion of land belonging to the municipality to the East may be acquired for the purpose. For the Peshkar's office the verandah may be extended as far as the drain and a separate room put up in the upstairs. The empty room by the side of the main hall downstairs may be converted into a kitchen and a bathroom erected in the eastern side. Behind the main hall downstairs there is an empty room which is now used as a lumber room. It contained a large

number of old unserviceable brass and copper ----- utensils and other lumber. A list should be made of these articles and these should be disposed of. This room may be converted into an additional room for the accommodation of pilgrims by replacing the masonry wall by the iron grating. For proper ---- ventilation and light a dome may be provided. The Peshkar has been asked to prepare detailed plans and estimates on the above lines. If further extension is necessary at a future date there is a private -- mud roofed house which can be acquired and used for an additional set of rooms. There are however --- several private choultries in the Tirupati town -- where accommodation is available and so no elaborate arrangements for the accommodation of non-Brahmins are necessary in Tirupati itself.

There is another choultry in Tiruchanur. The building was found in an untidy condition. It has been newly repaired. By the side of it, there is some private land full of prickly pear and rank vegetation. Arrangements should be made to have this removed. There is a thatched continuation of the roof for the front verandah which gives the -- building a very bad appearance. This may be converted into a terraced roof which will furnish more --- sleeping accommodation to the people. The dilapidated well at the extreme end of the vacant ground behind the chattram should be filled up to avoid accidents and insanitation.

For looking after the buildings in the Tirupati town there are 2 peons and a peon has been given to the Peshkar. There are 2 women sweepers at Tirupathi and one in Tiruchanoor.

Besides the Peshkar there are 2 clerks one on

on Rs.25/- and the other on Rs.20/- who work ------- alternately at Tirupathi and above the Hill 3 months at a time.

The scale of the charities was first fixed in 1921, then revised in 1924 and has again been revised in 1928 so as to reduce the total expenditure from -- Rs.20000 to Rs.17500/-

The amount formerly provided for daily feeding was Rs.6000/- but as the average expenditure for 5 -- years was Rs.5519/- the amount has now been fixed at Rs.4240 so as to allow of some amount being saved to provide for extensions and repairs of buildings. --- Besides this a sum of Rs.1400 is allotted for special feeding during Brahmotsava and Rs.400/- during Mukkoti. As it was found that there was a large influx of people in the afternoon during feeding time, arrangements have been made to issue tickets between 8 and 10-30 A.M. to persons who should get free feeding so as to prevent waste of meals etc., This system may ensure economy - and also provide a means for checking the expenditure.

The Peshkar maintains a cash book. The balance in hand is Rs.144-3-3 which was checked and found correct. The Peshkar sends monthly bills of expenditure to the office with details of daily accounts which are passed after scrutiny in the Muzrai Commissioner's Office.

On the Hill there is a choultry which provides -- accommodation for about 25 families. I was not able to inspect this building owing to some restrictions but I sent my manager to see it and I found that it -- requires the following repairs. This building was thoroughly repaired in 1892 and since then some small - repairs have been made. The roof being terraced has sagged in some of the places and requires setting. It is also leaky. The Peshkar should send up a detailed

estimate

estimate for the repairs required. The amount formerly provided for repairs was Rs.500/- but this has been -- reduced to Rs.200/-. This I do not consider a step in the right direction. The amount may be raised to Rs.375/ the average expenditure for the past 5 years.

The most urgent question is the provision of some accommodation for non-Brahmin pilgrims from Mysore upon the Hill. An estimate prepared at my instance some time ago for this comes to about Rs.12200/- but as the building is proposed to be made of brick and mud it is not -- likely to be substantial. The other alternative is to/ to acquire the site of the Mahant and put up a new building. This cannot be done except of at a cost of Rs.20/- to 25/- thousand exclusive of the cost of the site. The best alternative is to purchase a ready made building. It is understood that one such building is available at a distence of about 2 furlongs from the Mysore choultry belonging to one Ramiah Chetty. This is stated to be able to provide buildings for 10 families. It will - require a well and some other improvements. Enquiries may be made to the price for which the building may be had and detailed proposals may be submitted with site plans and shewing all the 3 alternatives.

The register of vessels was prepared so far -- back as 10th March 1918, the date on which the present Peshkar took charge. A separate list should be made of unserviceable articles and these disposed of and a final list prepared and sent to the office. A list of vessels and other articles should be furnished every year to the office.

Some furniture has to be provided to improve the convenience to travellers etc., An estimate may be -- sent up to provide some chairs, tables and a carpet.

The work of removing the silt from the pond and

and renewing the steps has not been started as yet - as the tenders are pending scrutiny and sanction in the Muzrai Commissioners office.

I had an interview with the Mahant who ------ expressed himself satisfied with the manner in which the State sevas were being conducted.

MUZRAI COMMISSIONER.

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15th	22

N.B. This is stated to be the slack season for the influx of pilgrims.

In the chattram on the Hills a new -- register with the marginally noted headings has been opened from the 2nd January 1929 from which date the feeding in the chattram has been restricted to 45 pilgrims a day - according to the revised scale for the --- Charities. Against the sanction No. of 45, the no. of persons fed was as noted in the margin each day from the 2nd to the 15th The meals served was much relished by both young andold. The pilgrims with their -- children found it most timely and wholesome since they had it immediately after their return from the seva in the temple. They expressed their gratitude for the hospitality of the benign Government. The register of receipt and expenditure of articles was kept up to date as also the chitta book, a copy of which is sent daily to the Peshkar for submission to the Muzrai Commissioner's Office. The most important Akhanda seva and other -- State sevas in the temple were regularly conducted. The Nakshatra Arati has become much damaged by long use. The arati plates - have to be newly made. This can be done at a small cost of Rs.50/- as silver sells cheap now. A list of vessels, etc., in the chattram is attached noting therein those which are -- unserviceable. A similar list for the Lower Tirupati and Tiruchanoor chattrams is also - submitted.

The chattram building requires extensive repairs as observed by the previous Commissioner in his inspection notes of July 1925.

The private buildings on the Hills ----

Hills stated to be available for sale was seen with a xx view to examine its suitability for the Non-Brahman chattram. This is near to the temple and situated on the main road running north of the temple. There are two big rooms outside opening to the verandah and a hall with 4 rooms on each side in the interior. The whole portion is terraced. In the rear there is a lean covered with - Zinc sheet and there is some open space --- between the hind compound wall and the ----- building. There is thus accommodation for 10 families. A sketch with an approximate - estimate for the building has been separately prepared and submitted. According to this estimate the building costs Rs.9600 and the - site according to the present market rate is -- valued at Rs.2400/- While the house and site are valued at Rs.12,000 on the whole, the -- owner is stated to be not willing to part -- with the property for anything less than -- Rs.16000. If some time is allowed he may probably come down. The Peshkar is in -- correspondence with the Mahant proposing -- an exchange of the choultry ground behind the Devasthanam choultry newly built to the north of the Government Chattram, with the Mahant's site to the South and on the main road in a line with the present choultry. This would be a valuable acquisition as the site would do very well for the proposed non-brahmin chattram. The result of the Peshkar's negotiations is awaited.

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No. 1847

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

..... Mo. Mrs. C.....

Date of issue 20/3/29

Signed by ... M.R.S. Iyer

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. 11,22 Dy 22nd Feby. 1929 submitting a copy of your notes of Inspection of the State charities at Tirupati, I am directed to request you to send up definite proposals requiring orders of Govt in due course.

I have etc,

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List of enclosures .....

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In / File Containing Estimates & Plans

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Dated, Bangalore, 16th March *192*9

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P. G. D'SOUZA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
Muzrai

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NEW SECRETARIAT

To

Financial
The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

For personal in the Financial Secretariat

Mr. member SIR,

19-3-29

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Adverting to my notes of inspection of the Tirupati Charities, submitted with this office letter No. C.1422/28-29 dated 22nd February 1929, I have the honour to state that there are only three alternatives as noted in the margin for providing accommodation for non-brahmins on the Hills at Tirupati.

1. Constructing a suite of rooms on the vacant Chatram land by the side of the present Chatram building.
2. Constructing a separate Choultry on the Mahant's site adjoining the Mysore Chatram Site.
3. Purchase of a built house.

As per my personal instructions given to the Peshkar during my recent visit to Tirupati, he has submitted a revised estimate for Rs.12,400/- for constructing a suite of 7 rooms on the vacant Government land adjacent to the present chattram on the Hills. By the construction of this block as ~~that~~ the vacant space ~~will be reduced to~~ as per enclosed ground plan which will be left between the present Chattram building and the proposed one will be reduced to 9 feet it will seriously affect the passage of the God's procession to the garden behind during Pallavotsava and it may also interfere with light and air for both the buildings. The next alternative is to acquire the Mahant's site marked 'B' in the enclosed sketch measuring 55 x 70' which adjoins the present choultry and is in a line with it and construct a building thereon. I had a talk with the Mahant in this matter when I

interviewed him at Tirupati but could not get a definite answer though he expressed his sympathy with the scheme. Further negotiations with the Mahant have so far proved of no avail. Even if he makes up his mind to part with the site which is considered to be doubtful, he may demand an exorbitant price for it, as there are very few vacant sites on the Hills. In addition to the cost of the site which may run up to 5 or 6 thousand rupees, we have to spend Rs.24,000/- for erecting a suitable building thereon. This means a total outlay of nearly Rs.30,000/- which heavy sum it may not be possible for Government to provide now. Moreover, since every article of the building materials including sand, lime etc., has to be brought up from Lower Tirupati it will take much time for the collection of the materials and the completition of the building may take several years. Moreover it will be very difficult for us to supervise the construction of a building in British Territory. After closely considering all the circumstances of the case, enquiries were made as to whether any ready-made building was available. One such has been found close to the temple. It is on the site marked 'C' in the sketch; the site measures 41' x 106' and is situated on the main street going north from the temple. It is in close proximity to the temple and very conveniently situated both as regards the bazaar and bathing pond (Pushkarni) A detailed plan of the building with an estimate is enclosed herein. There are ten rooms in this building and 4 or 5 separate kitchen rooms may be provided in the corrugated lean and in the open yard behind and the building may be made available immediately for the use of the non-brahmin pilgrims from the Mysore State. The cost of repairs and improvements such as providing latrine, proper drainage, staircase to the roof and a draw well including repairing the few cracks in the terrace, is estimated to cost Rs.4,000/-. The building, as it is, is reported to have been leased out for an annual rental of about Rs.800/-. This is the only building readily available for sale. The owner Mr. J. Ranglah Chetty the local Municipal Councillor and Ex-

Ex-Chairman wants Rs.16,000/- for the building and does not seem to be prepared to part with it for anything less, since according to him the site is valued at Rs.5,000/- while the actual cost of the building is Rs.15,000/-. As per detailed estimate prepared by the Peshkar, the cost is stated to be Rs.14,000/- putting down the value of the site at Rs.4000/- The value of sites on the Hills is reported to be increasing day by day.

2. In the above circumstances, I beg to strongly recommend that this building may be purchased and made available immediately for the use of the non-brahmin travellers as this is the only means of providing a long felt want without further delay and ending the complaint. It may be possible to reduce the price demanded by about a thousand rupees, while the negotiations for purchase are completed and the amount is actually paid.

3. As regards ways and means for meeting this cost, I have already in my letter No. 884/22-23 dated 11th January 1929 asked for a sum of Rs.10,000/- being made available from the Nowl Krishnadas Charities. There is a sum of Rs.1500/- set apart for the purpose from the Tirupati Charities Funds of this year and the balance of Rs.4,500/- or say Rs.5,000/- may be made available at the beginning of next year from the Chattram Savings Fund Budget.

4. I solicit the favour of early orders of Government sanctioning the above proposals, so that action may be taken to acquire the proposed building.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

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Section Immigration
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file containing Orders
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To The Emigration Commr
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Diary No. of letter replied to 1426

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 30/5/29

(Signed by ..... Asst Secy.

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Sir,

With reference to
your letter No C 1422/28
dated the 16th/18th June
1928 about the sanc-
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The enclosures received
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J L Keay
for Govt

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